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TO : The Director.

DATE: 20 February 1947.

FROM : Chief, Legislative Liaison Division.

SUBJECT: Mineral Attaches in the Department of Interior, (Bureau of Mines).

1. As will be noted from the attached papers, the Bureau of Mines in the Department of Interior is attempting to secure funds to support its Foreign Mineral Attache program.

2. As will be noted from Paragraph 3 of Memorandum to Chief, ICAPS, dated 17 February 1947, from the Assistant Director, ORE, attached herewith, this program is of considerable interest to CIG.

3. The Department of Interior has experienced considerable difficulty in securing the necessary funds, which were denied by the last Congress. The 79th Congress did make some funds available to the Department of State for this service, but the Department of the Interior feels that it should have funds, as set forth in the accompanying papers.

4. If the Director feels it advisable, the following recommendations are made:

a. The undersigned should ascertain whether or not the Department of Interior has already completed its appearances before the House Appropriations Committee.

b. If the Interior Department has not completed its appearances before the Appropriations Committee, the Director should address a letter to the Secretary of the Interior, voicing his interest and support for this program and its necessity to CIG, which the Secretary of the Interior may use as an exhibit in support of his claims.

c. If the Interior Department has completed its appearances, the Director should await final determination as to whether or not he himself must appear further in support of the CIG budget. If a further appearance is required, he may testify verbally in support of the Mineral Attaches program. If it is not necessary for the Director to appear further, he may forward a letter in support of this program, either directly to Mr. Taber or through the Department of the Interior to Mr. Taber.

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